

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1.-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A motor comprising:

(a) a motor base including;

(a-1) a base;

(a-2) a bearing supporter protruded vertically from said base for supporting a bearing;

(a-3) a stator supporter concentric with said bearing supporter;

(a-4) a terminal made of metal plate insert-molded into the base and insert-molded around said bearing supporter, said terminal having a partially exposed portion at a bottom surface of said base;

wherein said motor base is formed by cutting off bridges linking between said motor base and a frame around said motor base;

(b) a stator mounted to the stator supporter and electrically connected to said terminal at said partially exposed portion of said terminal; and

(c) a rotor supported by the bearing which is supported by said bearing supporter.

6.-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a motor using a motor-base-holder, wherein the motor-base-holder comprises:

a motor base comprising:

(a) —a base;

(b) — a bearing supporter protruded vertically from ~~said the~~ base for supporting a bearing;

(c) — a stator supporter concentric with ~~said the~~ bearing supporter for being mounted with a stator; and

(d) — ~~a motor base having a~~ terminal made of a metal plate insert-molded into the base and insert-molded around the bearing supporter, the terminal having a partially exposed portion at a bottom surface of the base; and

(e) — a frame made of the same metal as the terminal and linked with fringe of said motor base,

wherein said method comprises the steps of:

positioning and supporting ~~the said~~ motor base at a given place by the frame;

assembling the stator and a rotor of said motor to ~~the said~~ motor base; and

detaching ~~the said~~ motor base from the frame;

wherein said step of assembling the stator to said motor base includes electrically connecting the stator to the terminal at said partially exposed portion of the terminal.

11. (Original) The method of assembling a motor as defined in Claim 10, wherein said motor-base-holder uses a plurality of motor bases linked to each other.

12. (Original) The method of assembling a motor as defined in Claim 10, wherein said motor-base-holder uses a plurality of motor bases linked to each other to form a belt-like shape.

13. (Original) The motor as defined in Claim 5, wherein the bridges are dispersively disposed around said motor base as well as between the frame and said motor base.

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 5 and 10-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiroyasu (JP 09-070162) in view of Yukio et al. (JP 10-127031). It is respectfully submitted, however, that Applicant's claims are patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

Applicant's invention, as recited by claim 5, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

...a terminal...insert-molded into the base...said terminal having a partially exposed portion at a bottom surface of said base...

a stator...electrically connected to said terminal at said partially exposed portion of said terminal...

This feature is supported by the originally filed application at page 6, lines 17-26 and is shown in Figures 1 and 2C.

On page 3, the Official Action admits that the Hiroyasu reference "does not show the terminal made of metal plate insert-molded into the base" as recited by Applicant's claim 5. The Official Action, however, points out that such a terminal is shown in Figure 1 of the Yukio reference. Yukio, however, neither teaches nor suggests the feature of a terminal having a partially exposed portion at a bottom surface of the base with the stator being electrically connected to the terminal at the partially exposed portion of the terminal (emphasis added). Yukio discloses a terminal made of a metal plate insert-molded into the base and identified by numeral 14. Yukio, however, neither discloses nor suggests a terminal having a partially exposed portion at a bottom surface of the base and a stator electrically connected to the terminal at the partially exposed portion of the terminal. Accordingly, claim 5 is patentable over the art of record.

Claim 10, while not identical to claim 5, is also patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth above.

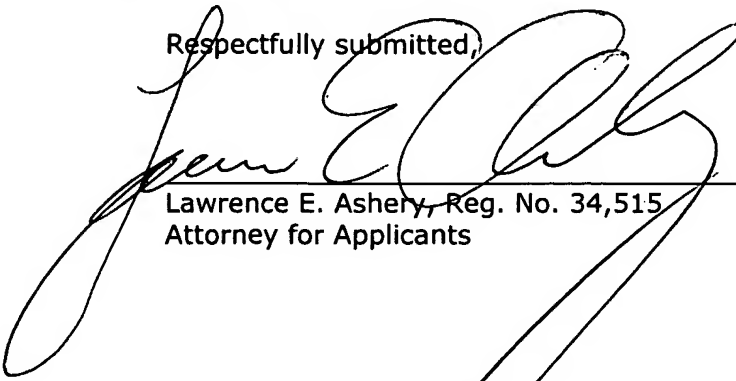
The remaining claims are patentable by virtue of their dependency on allowed independent claims.

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In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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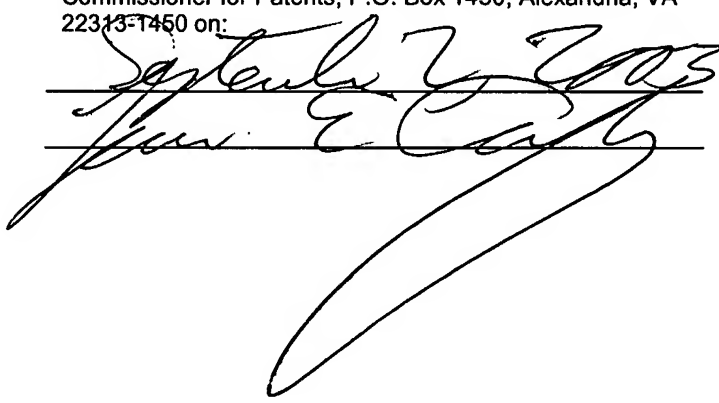
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